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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment and response to the Office Communication (Restriction Requirement) mailed on September 30, 2008. A response is required by October 30, 2008. In view of a request for a 2-month extension of time and fee, attached herewith, a response is required by December 30, 2008. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.